

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE

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Applicants	Ronny Knepple, <i>et al.</i>
International Application No. PCT/EP99/00943	International Filing Date February 12, 1999
Title of Application	<b>Method For Labeling Sample Containers</b>

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Washington, DC 20231

***Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated Office (DO/US)  
Entry into the U.S. National Stage Under Chapter I***

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. 371.

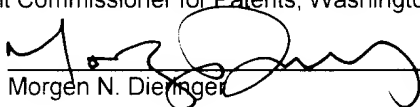
This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).

2. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):

- ☐ is transmitted herewith.  
☐ is not required as the application was filed with the U.S. Receiving Office.  
☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. The date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308) was ---.  
☐ has been transmitted by applicant on ---.

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3. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(C)(1)) and other fees (37 CFR) are indicated below:

Claims Fees			
Claims Fee - Number Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Calculation
Total Claims 9 minus 20	= 0	@ \$ 18	0.00
Independent Claims: 1 minus 3	= 0	@ \$ 78	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)	= 0	@ \$260	0.00
<b>Basic Fee</b> - The International Search Fee, as set forth in Section 1 445(a)(2) to be paid to the US PTO acting as an International Searching Authority:	has been paid (37 CFR 1.492(a)(2) ..... @	\$760	0.00
	has not been paid (37 CFR (1.492(a)(3) ..... @	\$970	0.00
	where a search report on the inter- national has been prepared by EPO or JOP ..... @	\$840	840.00
Total of above Calculations			\$0 00
<b>Small Entity</b> - Reduction by half for filing by a Small Entity			0 00
Subtotal			840 00
Total National Fee			\$840 00
Recording Assignment fee			0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Total Fees enclosed</b> \$840.00

- \* See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.
- i. A check in the amount of \$840.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- ii. **Authorization to Charge Additional Fees.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.

*Warning: If the translations of the international application, oath or declaration and national fee have not been submitted by the applicant within twenty (20) months from the priority date, the applicant will be so notified and given a period of time within which to file the translation and/or oath or declaration in order to prevent abandonment. The payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e) is required as a condition for accepting the oath or declaration later than twenty (20) months after the priority date. The payment of the processing fee set forth in § 1.492(f) is required for acceptance of an English translation later than twenty (20) months after the priority date. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in abandonment of the application. The provisions of § 1.136 will apply 37 CFR § 1494(c); Notice of January 7, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40, at et.*

4. A translation of the International Application into the English language (35 U.S.C. 371(C)(2)):

- ☒ is transmitted herewith.
- ☐ is not required as the application as the application was filed in English.
- ☐ was previously transmitted by applicant on ---.

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5. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
- ☐ are transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ have been transmitted
    - ☐ by the International Bureau. The date of mailing of the amendment (from form PCT/IB/308) is ---.
    - ☐ by applicant on ---.
  - ☒ have not been transmitted, as
    - ☐ no notification has been received that the International Search Authority has received the Search Copy.
    - ☐ the Search Copy was received by the International Searching Authority, but the Search Report has not yet been issued. The date of the receipt of Search Copy (from form PCT/ISA/202 is ---.
    - ☒ applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.
    - ☐ the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendment, or a statement that amendments have not been made, will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 16.1.
6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
- ☐ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ is not required as the application was filed in English.
  - ☐ has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5 above.
7. An oath or declaration of the inventor [35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)] complying with 35 U.S.C. 115
- ☐ was previously submitted by applicant on ---.
  - ☐ is attached to the application.
  - ☐ identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 which were transmitted as stated in points 3.b. or c. and 5.b; and states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37 CFR 1.70.
  - ☐ will follow.
8. An International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a):
- ☐ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. The date of mailing (from form PCT/IB/308) is ---.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
  - ☒ will be transmitted promptly upon request.
  - ☐ is not transmitted, as the International Search has not yet issued.

9. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☐ is transmitted herewith.  
☐ will be transmitted within three months of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).  
☐ was previously submitted by applicant on ---.

Also transmitted herewith is/are:

- ☐ form PTO-1449.  
☐ copies of citations listed.

10. Additional documents:

- ☐ Copy of Request (PCT/RO/101).  
☐ International Publication No. WO 99/41014, Front page only.  
☐ Preliminary Amendment (37 CFR § 1.121)

11. An Assignment document

- ☐ Is transmitted herewith for recording.  
☐ A separate Cover Sheet for Assignment (Document) accompanying New Patent Application is attached; or  
☐ Form PTO-1595 is attached.  
☐ Will follow.


Please mail the recorded assignment document to the person whose signature and address appear below.

12. The above-checked items are being transmitted

- ☐ before the 18th month publication.  
☐ after publication and the article 20 communication, but before 20 months from the priority date.  
☐ after 20 months (revival). *Note: Petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) is necessary if 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements are submitted after 20 months.*

Respectfully submitted,

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